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SERBIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN SEDM

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1. (SBU) Head of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department for Military Technical Cooperation Viktor Matsko confirmed to us on October 19 that Ukraine supports Serbia's membership in the Southeastern Europe Defense Ministerial, and also supports immediate membership for Montenegro. Ukraine, he added, supports in principle membership for all Balkan states. Acting Minister of Defense Valeriy Ivashchanko is expected to attend the Ministerial in Sofia, and will be informed of the U.S. position.  
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